

GENITAL WARTS (CONDYLOMA)

Genital Warts (Condyloma) is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by a virus called Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). It is transmitted by direct contact, including vaginal, anal and oral sex.

Symptoms

- *May show up 1-6 months after contact*
- *Fleshy, skin colored painless growth*
- *If large may appear cauliflower-like*
- *May be present on penis, scrotum, rectum, vagina, or cervix*

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How are Genital Warts treated?

Treatment of Genital Warts is very difficult and it often reoccurs.

Methods include:

- ♦ Surgical removal
- ♦ Freezing (By liquid nitrogen)
- ♦ Laser
- ♦ Chemical removal

Many warts will clear up on its own in 1 – 3 years without treatment.

Are Genital Warts serious?

Warts on many parts of the body are often treated for cosmetic reasons. However, cervical cancer is caused by some strains of the wart virus. This makes it especially important to have regular pap smears.

How can I avoid getting Genital Warts?

Condoms will only partially reduce your risk of getting warts because the wart virus can be on the skin near the vagina, rectum or penis and not just on the sex organs.